

RESPONSIBILITY - FIRST GRADE

Book and Lesson will be together in the media center. Materials are in the cabinet immediately to your left when you enter the media center.

Materials:

Book- *Horton Hears a Who!* By Dr. Seuss
Responsibility Poster

Activity:

Lead discussion with students: What is responsibility? What do adults mean when they say you should be responsible?

- Doing what you are supposed to do
- Making good choices about simple things like what to wear or bigger things like how to treat people
- Pulling your own weight, doing your job

Display definition and read aloud

1. Being dependable and accountable for your words and actions.
2. Doing your best and never blaming others for your mistakes.
3. Being responsible for a job means that you are the one who makes sure it is done correctly and on time.

Introduce book entitled "*Horton Hears a Who!*" Look at the cover of the book. Ask students to make a prediction. What will this book be about? Will Horton be responsible in this book?

Read book, stopping periodically to discuss whether Horton's action was responsible and to make predictions about what might happen next.

Ask students if Horton acting responsibly (yes) How do you know? (Horton protects and takes care of the creatures that live on the speck of dust)

Was it easy for Horton to be responsible? (no, an eagle carried away the clover where Horton placed the speck)

After reading book, discuss how Horton's job was to take care of the speck. Our students have a job too-school! What are people's jobs at school? (principal, teachers, custodian, etc...), what are their responsibilities?

What would happen if they did not do their job? Would that be very responsible of them?

Questions:

Review the definition of responsibility.

-Ask students to identify their responsibilities as students:

Examples are:

- cleaning up when we're through with books, art supplies, etc...
- returning books to the library in the same condition as when we borrowed them
- helping friends

-using kind words and actions